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There is a current Bangkok rumor, heard from many different sources, to the effect that the Siamese Government would not neve dared to murder Thongin, Thongplaew; Thawin Udol, and the others unless it had received a positive directive from the United States to do so.* This is cited as proof that American imperialism is making use of the reactionary Phibult Government to suppress all liberals in the country.**

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Although positive proof is lacking, it is believed that this rumor was purposely inspired by the Viet Minh and the Chinese Communists as part of their whispering campaign against the U.S. This belief is based on the nature of the rumor; its similarity to certain rumors previously inspired by the Viet Minh and the Chinese Communists; and, to some extent, by the relative explicitness with which this rumor is repeated by sources sympathetic to the Viet Minh and the Chinese Communists.

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This report is submitted as an indication of the trend of the current anti-American whispering campaign being conducted by the Viet Minh and the Chinese Communists in Siam.

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